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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN THE FEB 10 INFORMAL SESSION OF THE
VIENNA TALKS, THE ALLIES WERE REPRESENTED BY THE NETHERLANDS
REP, UK REP AND US REP AND THE EAST BY SOVIET REPS KHLESTOV
AND SHUSTOV, GDR REP OESER, AND POLISH REP DABROWA. BY PREVIOUS
AGREEMENT, THE SUBJECT MATTER WAS FORCE DEFINITIONS AND EXPERTS
FROM THE PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS WERE PRESENT.

2. NO MAJOR NEW ELEMENTS EMERGED DURING THE DISCUSSION. WESTERN
REPRESENTATIVES PRESENTED THE REASONS WHY THERE COULD BE NO
ALLOCATION OF THE THREE DISPUTED FORCE TYPES WITHOUT A PRIOR
EXCHANGE OF DATA. THEY URGED EASTERN REPS TO AGREE TO SET ASIDE
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THE ISSUE OF ALLOCATING THE THREE DISPUTED FORCE TYPES AND TO

WORK ON THE REMAINDER OF A DEFINITION STARTING WITH DETERMINATION OF WHAT WOULD BE INCLUDED AND WHAT WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM A DEFINITION.

3. EASTERN REPS FOCUSED ON EFFORT TO SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CASE THAT DATA EXCHANGE WAS NOT NECESSARY EITHER FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE THAT SIMILAR FORCES ON BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE IN SIMILAR SERVICE CATEGORIES, EITHER GROUND OR AIR, OR FOR SPECIFIC ALLOCATION OF THE THREE DISPUTED FORCE TYPES ACCORDING TO THAT PRINCIPLE.

4. UK REP OPENED SESSION WITH A REVIEW OF GENERAL POINTS TENTATIVELY AGREED IN COURSE OF DEFINITIONS DISCUSSION, GIVING THE REASONS WHY THE WEST CONSIDERED DATA EXCHANGE NECESSARY PRIOR TO ALLOCATION OF THE THREE DISPUTED FORCE TYPES AND ASKING EASTERN REPS WHETHER THEY WERE NOW PREPARED TO EXCHANGE DATA. POLISH REP REVIEWED COURSE OF DEFINITION DISCUSSIONS THUS FAR, DESCRIBING FROM EASTERN POINT OF VIEW THOSE GENERAL POINTS ON WHICH AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED.

5. NETHERLANDS REP REGRETTED CONTINUED EASTERN RELUCTANCE TO ENGAGE IN DATA EXCHANGE AND REMINDED EAST OF CONTINUED VALIDITY OF WESTERN PROPOSAL TO POSTPONE ALLOCATION OF THE THREE DISPUTED CASES AND TO WORK OUT THE REMAINDER OF A DEFINITION, STARTING WITH TRYING TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE SUBJECT OF WHAT WAS TO BE INCLUDED AND WHAT WAS TO BE EXCLUDED.

6. KHLESTOV CLAIMED DATA WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR ALLOCATION. GDR REP GAVE JUSTIFICATION OF WAY IN WHICH EAST PROPOSED TO ALLOCATE THE THREE DISPUTED FORCES INTENDED IN PART AS EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT DATA EXCHANGE WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR REACHING A DECISION ON ALLOCATION. WESTERN REPS MAINTAINED THEIR POSITION ON DATA EXCHANGE. KHLESTOV CONCLUDED WITH A LONG STATEMENT IN WHICH HE CLAIMED THAT THE PRESENT DISCUSSION CONFIRMED THAT THE WESTERN CASE FOR REQUIRING DATA IN ADVANCE WAS A WEAK ONE.

7. DURING THE DISCUSSION, ALLIED REPS POINTED OUT THAT EASTERN EFFORTS TO JUSTIFY THEIR PROPOSED ALLOCATION MADE USE OF CRITERIA OTHER THAN THE FUNCTIONAL CRITERION WHICH THE EAST CLAIMED AS MAIN STANDARD. KHLESTOV ADMITTED SOME LONG-RUN CONNECTION
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BETWEEN A DEFINITION AND DATA AND ASKED WESTERN REPS WHETHER THEY WERE PREPARED TO DISCUSS AT LEAST THE PRINCIPLE THAT SIMILAR FORCES SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO SIMILAR SERVICE WITHOUT DATA. HE EVADED RESPONDING TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE INTENDED BY THIS FORMULATION TO DROP REQUIREMENT FOR THE SPECIFIC ALLOCATION OF THE THREE DISPUTED FORCE TYPES AS PRECONDITION FOR AN AGREED DEFINITION. KHLESTOV REPEATEDLY ALLEGED THAT WESTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD EARLIER AGREED TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ON THE

PRINCIPLE OF LIKES TO LIKE WITHOUT MAKING THIS DISCUSSION
DEPENDENT ON EXCHANGE OF DATA. WESTERN REPS MADE CLEAR THAT
THIS WAS WHOLLY INCORRECT. IN HIS REVIEW OF AGREED POINTS,
POLISH REP SAID THAT EAST WAS PREPARED TO INDICATE INCLUSIONS
AND EXCLUSIONS IN THE TEXT OF A DEFINITION.

EASTERN REPS MADE NO EFFORT TO ALTER PREVIOUSLY AGREED SCHEDULE
OF MEETINGS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF DEFINITIONS
AND NEXT SESSION, SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 17, WILL BE ON
GENERAL ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

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